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Thank you for attending the public information open house for CSHPP-0007-00(538), COBB COUNTY (D6200), P.I. No. 0007538, the proposed operational and safety improvements of Queen Mill Road from S.R. 139/Mableton Parkway to S.R. 8/U.S.78/U.S. 278/Veterans Memorial Highway. In this handout package you will find a project description, location map and comment card.

As you enter the room, you will notice displays of the proposed project. Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives, who can be identified by the name tags they are wearing, are available to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with a DOT representative. There will be no formal presentation.

A court reporter will be available for those persons who would like to make a verbal statement about the project. You may also complete a comment card and deposit it into the box provided here or send in written comments about the project until June 3, 2008. Written comments should be sent to Mr. Glenn Bowman, P.E., State Environmental/Location Engineer, Georgia Department of Transportation, 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336-1593. Comments can also be made via the web at www.dot.state.ga.us. Click on **Public Outreach** from the list of Featured Links. All comments will be made a part of the project record. We hope you will take advantage of one of these opportunities to let the Department know your view of the proposal.

The displays and plans will be available for review for ten days after the public information open house at the Georgia Department of Transportation Office of Environment/Location located at 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336 and at the Cobb County Department of Transportation, 1890 County Services Parkway, Marietta, GA 30008. A copy of all comments received will be available for public review at the Georgia Department of Transportation Office of Environment/Location located at 3993 Aviation Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30336 and at the Cobb County Department of Transportation, 1890 County Services Parkway, Marietta, GA 30008 as soon as compilation is completed.

Again, thank you for attending this public information open house and for giving us your comments.

Sincerely,

Bryant Poole
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Attachments

Georgia Department of Transportation
Public Information Open House Comment Card
Project CSHPP-0007-00(538), Cobb County (D6200), P.I. No. 0007538
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Need and Purpose

Queen Mill Road has become substandard in regards to pedestrian traffic. With the increase in thru-traffic between S.R. 139/Mableton Parkway and S.R. 8/U.S. 78/278/Veterans Memorial Highway and residential development, the facility has grown obsolete. Residents in the project area have expressed the need for sidewalks and curb and gutter to accommodate their way of life and decrease the dangers for pedestrians along the corridor.

In addition, several horizontal and vertical curves along the existing alignment have been identified as substandard and are considered to be below current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) design requirements. These substandard curves are located near Mableton Parkway, Hunnicutt Lane, Queen Creek, Ivey Road and Queen Meadow Drive.

The preferred alternative would provide a pedestrian friendly facility (sidewalk, curb and gutter) to meet the needs of residents in the vicinity. The project also proposes to bring several substandard curves up to AASHTO design standards, which would provide a safer alignment thus reducing the possibility for crashes and rear-end collisions along the corridor.

Project Description

The existing Queen Mill Road consists of two 11-foot travel lanes (one in each direction) with variable grassed shoulders. The existing right-of-way along Queen Mill Road varies from 40-80 feet. The posted speed limit for this corridor is 35 miles per hour (mph).

Currently Queen Mill Road is not a pedestrian friendly facility. The vicinity of Queen Mill Road has become heavily populated with the construction of several subdivisions on the corridor and on neighboring side streets. In addition, Queen Mill Road is used as a cut-through for motorist travel between S.R. 139/Mableton Parkway and S.R. 8/U.S. 78/278/Veterans Memorial Parkway. Citizens in the area have expressed concern over the lack of safety for pedestrians along Queen Mill Road.

Proposed Alternatives

The current earmark amount is insufficient to do all necessary improvements to the existing alignment; therefore Cobb County and GDOT are seeking input from the community. Alternative A is proposed as the maximum amount of construction, correcting all roadway engineering deficiencies. Alternative B is proposed as the minimum amount of construction, with only sidewalk, curb & gutter.

Alternative A - The proposed project would provide sidewalks, curb and gutter to the facility. In addition, the corridor has several substandard horizontal and vertical curves along the alignment. The proposed project would reconstruct these substandard curves located near S.R. 139/Mableton Parkway, Hunnicutt Lane, Queen Creek, Ivey Road and Queens Meadow Drive. The proposed project would shift the existing alignment approximately 6 ft. to the east at Queen Creek to avoid stream impacts due to shoulder construction. This alternative would displace two residential homes just north of Ivey Road. The proposed alignment would provide two 11-foot travel lanes (one in each direction), 5-foot sidewalks with curb and gutter and reconstruction of substandard curves along the alignment. The design speed would remain at 35 mph. The proposed project would extend existing right-of-way from 40 to 80 feet to 100 to 140 feet. The alignment would be approximately 1.84 miles in length.

Alternative B - The proposed project would provide sidewalks and curb and gutter to the existing facility. The substandard horizontal and vertical curves along the alignment would not be reconstructed. The 6 foot shift to the east at Queen Creek would no longer be applicable. In addition, this alternative proposes no residential displacement. The proposed alignment would provide two 11-foot travel lanes (one in each direction), 5-foot sidewalks with curb and gutter. The design speed would remain at 35 mph. The proposed project would extend existing right-of-way from 40 to 80 feet to 80 to 110 feet. The alignment would be approximately 1.84 miles in length.